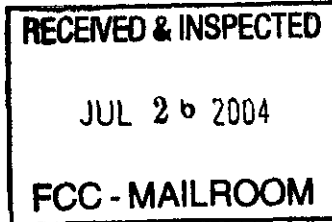




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July 12, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20544

Re: In the Matter of The Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation  
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket 96-128

Dear Ms. Dortch:

North Dakota Telephone Company ("NDTC") submits this letter and accompanying certification as record that NDTC is not a "Completing Carrier" as that term is defined in the Commission's Order in CC Docket 96-128 ("Order")<sup>1</sup>, released on October 3, 2003.

As NDTC is not a Completing Carrier nor does it handle the types of calls the commission has specified as being subject to both compensation and reporting to Payphone Service Providers, NDTC is not subject to such requirements at this time. If NDTC's operations are altered to the extent that NDTC necessarily becomes a Completing Carrier, NDTC will fully comply with the Commission's rules pertaining to this and all other payphone compensation and reporting matters.

Sincerely,

Rodney Hoffmeyer  
Customer Service Manager  
North Dakota Telephone Company

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Enclosure

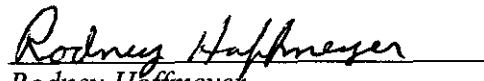
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<sup>1</sup> The Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunication Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128, Report and Order, (2003) (Order).

**PAY TELEPHONE COMPLETING CARRIER CERTIFICATION  
OF NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY**

1. My name is Rod Hoffmeyer. I currently serve as the Customer Service Manager of North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC), a provider of local exchange telecommunications services as an Independent Local Exchange Carrier in the state of North Dakota. In this capacity, I have become familiar with the network operations of NDTC and its practices associated with the completion of calls originated from Pay Telephones.
2. NDTC is not a Completing Carrier as defined by Commission in 47 CFR § 64.1300.
3. NDTC's provision of operator services for the completion of local calls from pay telephones is handled by National Directory Assistance (NDA) through a contractual arrangement.
4. NDTC has confirmed with NDA that any calls processed by NDA are included in the respective call tracking systems and compensation remittance process of NDA.
5. NDTC does not currently provide a coinless access code service.
6. NDTC does not currently provide a subscriber toll-free service.
7. In consideration of the aforementioned facts, NDTC is not subject to the compensation or reporting requirements related to the Commission's Report and Order<sup>1</sup> and associated revisions to 47 CFR Sections 64.1300, 64.1310, and 64.1320

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 12, 2004

  
Rodney Hoffmeyer  
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